



# The GLOBE Program

*Global Learning and Observations to Benefit the Environment  
An International Environmental Science and Education Partnership*

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On 16 June 2003, the University Corporation for Atmospheric Research (UCAR) in partnership with Colorado State University (CSU) was officially awarded a Cooperative Agreement from NASA to assume primary responsibility for development and administration of the GLOBE Program.

<http://www.globe.gov/fsl/html/templ.cgi?newGLOBEteam&lang=en&nav=1>

The University Corporation for Atmospheric Research (UCAR) is an NFP (Not for Profit) corporation supported by NASA, the National Science Foundation and the U.S. Department of State, and it is also an academic institution which consists of a consortium of universities. <http://www.ucar.edu/ucar/>



Dr. Craig Blurton is the Director for the GLOBE Program.

Detailed information about Dr. Blurton can be found at

[http://www.globe.gov/fsl/html/templ.cgi?blurton\\_intro&lang=en&nav=1](http://www.globe.gov/fsl/html/templ.cgi?blurton_intro&lang=en&nav=1)

The Web page listed above provides a personal introduction by Dr. Blurton including information regarding his academic experience (classroom teacher in Arizona, Singapore and Pennsylvania and a university science and mathematics methodology professor and administrator of statewide staff development programs in California) as well as his managerial experience (Dr. Blurton served as the Associate Director of the NASA Classroom of the Future in West Virginia, and for the past seven years at the University of Hong Kong where he has been the Head of the Information Technology and Teaching Group). Dr. Blurton has lived and worked in the United States, as well as in Japan, Singapore and Hong Kong.

GLOBE is organized into a Directorate and four Teams - Education, Science, Partnerships / Outreach and Systems. Communication and coordination between GLOBE Teams and the Directorate, as well as with the NASA Program Manager, is facilitated by means of an Executive Committee. GLOBE also has an Advisory Board (GAB) consisting of external members, leaders in education, science, industry, and public policy, to advise the GLOBE Director on Program issues, particularly those related to sustainability. Furthermore, GLOBE has established a Sustainability Working Group (SWG), comprised of representatives from the various GLOBE Teams and the Directorate, to coordinate efforts to secure sponsorship and investment. And finally, ad hoc groups are formed periodically to ensure end-user feedback into the implementation of the various aspects of the GLOBE Program. An overview of the GLOBE Management structure can be found at

[http://www.globe.gov/fsl/html/templ.cgi?globe\\_staff&lang=en&nav=1](http://www.globe.gov/fsl/html/templ.cgi?globe_staff&lang=en&nav=1)

The GLOBE Staff are guided by their Framework and Roadmap document that outlines the Program's strategic goals and associated objectives. Learn more about the Framework and Roadmap for Inspiring the Next Generation of Explorers at

<http://www.globe.gov/fsl/html/templ.cgi?framework&lang=en&nav=1>

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